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SCORES DEFICIENCIES IN METALWORKING
 AND MACHINE-BUILDING PLANTS

One of the main goals of the Five-Year Plan consists in boosting and strengthening machine-building and metalworking plants. It is felt, however, that the production plans of many of these enterprises are not reflecting their actual production capacity. This is true even of such important industrial works as the G. Dimitrov Agricultural Machine Plant, which has established a plan considerably below its production capacity. As a result, neither machines nor manpower are utilized to their full extent.

The same situation prevails in the "Chervena Zvezda" Industrial State Enterprise where the plan calls for only 30 to 40 percent of the actual productive capacity. In the Rozova Dolina Plant, the workers complain that the quota is set too low and the youth brigade reports that the February plan will be completed in 2 weeks. Due to this deficient planning, as well as to the shortage of material, skilled brass workers are left idle or have to be transferred to other departments of the plant.

Furthermore, the plant management is careless in handling equipment and material. In the Nadezhda plant, valuable imported material has not been classified according to size and standard, but is scattered around indiscriminately. In the Budashtnost plant, costly materials and finished products are lying in the yard unprotected and sometimes are covered with snow. Similar conditions prevail at the Boltova and Balkan plants. At the Boltova, 30 million leva worth of goods are in the yard; the plant has a warehouse project, but due to the carelessness of the management and the association, the building is still unfinished.

The living conditions of the workers are also regarded with indifference; and even the most elementary requirements are neglected and disregarded by the management. In the G. Chankov Plant, the water pipes are frozen and the workers have no washing facilities. Very poor sanitary conditions likewise prevail at the Zhitl Plant, which has but one lavatory. There are no ventilation facilities and canteen food is so bad and scanty that workers avoid taking their meals in these establishments.

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The managements of machine-building and metalworking plants are urgently requested to take all necessary measures to improve the working and living conditions of the industry.

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